

Fiesta Baile: mariachi, salsa, Hispanic culture

By MARGARET RAUSCH
COPY EDITOR

The Hispanic culture is not just present in the multitude of Spanish courses on the third floor of SAC. Its influence is present throughout Alma if one chooses to look, but the Hispanic Coalition (HisCo) along with several community members are making that observation inevitable Friday during Fiesta Baile.

"Fiesta Baile helps me see that there is a different culture in this community and that being a part of it for one night is incredible," said Caitlin DeZwaan ('19), treasurer of HisCo. The event is not solely for students. Many of the guests are members of the Alma community who help bring cultures together by sharing their own.

"Even though I do not speak the language, I am still proud of my culture," said Anjelita Bradley, a member of the Alma community and active volunteer during Fiesta Baile.

Bradley's parents did not speak Spanish with her as a child. Her father is from Mexico and moved to Texas, but her parents wanted her to grow up accustomed to American culture. Despite this, Bradley has a deep connection with Hispanic traditions and strives to share them with the community.

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"The campus and the community struggle to come together," said Bradley. "[Hispanic culture] is not very different from the American way."

Bradley explained that there are connections between Hispanic and American culture. Dancing, the sharing of food and celebration are present in both.

Fiesta Baile Schedule



6 p.m. "A taste of" food sampling, info fair • 7 p.m. Dance lessons

8 p.m. "Baile Latino" DJ begins • 8:30 p.m. 50/50 Drawing • 6 p.m. Children's activities begin

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At Fiesta Baile "they are all in one place," said Bradley.

During the event, there will be food catered by Sodexo, but also from community members and the local Mexican restaurants.

Those who attend can also participate in salsa lessons and learn how to perform the Mexican folk dance "Corrido." In addition, there will be the Mariachi band "Los Compadres" playing while guests try the wide variety of Hispanic foods.

the evening.

"Fiesta Baile becomes bigger and bigger every year," said Erika Zenchak ('17), president of HisCo.

"The event aims to bring Alma students and the community

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together, while celebrating and learning about this wonderful culture."

Bringing together cultures is not the only goal of the event. Fiesta Baile also helps to break down barriers between the campus and the Alma community.

"Fiesta Baile has shown me that it really is possible to get community members and college students together," said Zenchak.

Fiesta Baile will take place on Friday, Sept. 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Tyler-Van Dusen.

Compassion Games: Service Week gets reframed

By MARGARET RAUSCH
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The umbrella of Service Week is growing as the Compassion Games kick off. This event aims to spread not only the value of service, but of kindness and global unity. Beginning yesterday and going until Sept. 21 (International Peace Day), various clubs and organizations will highlight the work they do to promote the core values of the Games.

This week-long project is part of a national effort occurring five times throughout the year. Compassion Games organizations have coined the term "co-opetition" in order to promote togetherness, explained Sallie Scheide, assistant director of the Responsible Leadership Institute. Rather than creating a competition, the games draw attention to a variety of events, projects and activities that hold

an equal level of importance.

Before The Compassion Games, events such as Spanish Story Hour, Fiesta Baile, The Diversity Movie and The Diversity Dialogues would not have been included in Service Week.

Participants are not required to create a project for the games. The goal is for one week to share with the campus and the community all of the work students and residents of Alma regularly do to promote the well-being of those around them.

In order to keep track of how the college is doing as a whole, each organization will keep count of how much money was raised, how many volunteers they had and the number of people they served. Each dollar or person will count as one point. At the end of the week, Scheide will reveal the final count to show how great of an impact the campus and community have on others.

Piccolo gives campus safety update

By DEVAN McNABB
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Nicholas Piccolo, vice president for student life, has a different involvement with Public Safety, the security service hired through the company STT, than in previous years.

"My role has changed. Todd Friesner (former vice president for finance) has stepped down, so [Public Safety] will be more aligned with Student Life," said Piccolo.

Piccolo is beginning to reconstitute the Campus Safety Committee, a board of students, staff and faculty that advises safety related issues and projects on campus. It is one of the avenues for students to give input and have their voices heard.

One continuing project has been the installation of security cameras across campus—especially

in residence halls. installations puts the total count of campus cameras at 79. The cameras are all up and functioning.

"If something happens, we can pinpoint the problem more easily," said Piccolo.

The cameras keep data for 30 days and are a part of a continuing effort to make the campus safer and provide more information in case of incidents. Another effort to improve campus safety is the ongoing training for students, faculty and staff in the details of Title IX. There will be a training session taking place Wednesday for the security guards.

Public Safety and Student Life have also been working with the Alma Police Department to further develop the college's emergency response planning.

"We've been working with the Alma Police to draft our plans to make them more effective," said

Piccolo.

The college has an Alma Police officer, Kim Powell, who acts as a liaison for the school. She is a resource for students who need to talk to someone, along with the regular college security officers.

STT has its headquarters in Mount Pleasant and also provides services to Central Michigan University. The head of security for the college is Toby Pickelmann. Pickelmann did not grant Security personnel permission to give interviews.

"I want students to know that they can always come talk to me or email me if they ever have any concerns or questions," said Piccolo. He can be reached at piccolo@alma.edu.

Look for profiles on the STT security guards and more detailed updates in coming weeks.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat	Sun
Diversity Movie: The Miracle Worker 7:30 p.m. ACUB lounge	APO Cards & Games 6:45 p.m. Rotunda	Div. Dialogue 11:30 a.m. Thistle Room	Com. Cafe First Pres. Church 5 p.m.	CCAN Cleanup 4:30 p.m.	Plaid Dash 8 a.m. Heritage Center	Chapel Service 7 p.m.
Used Book Sale 9 a.m. First Pres. Church	Blood Drive 11 a.m. Tyler-Van Dusen	Farm Market 7 a.m. Corner of Downie & Pine	Com. Cafe First Pres. Church 5 p.m.	Used Book Sale 9 a.m. First Pres. Church	Farm Market 7 a.m. Corner of Downie & Pine	Chapel Service 7 p.m.

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Rock the Vote, Insight on the 2016 Election

By HANNAH KING
CAMPUS EDITOR

The weather isn't the only thing making campus heated and perhaps slightly irritated this month. America is in the scorching peak of the 2016 election and the political bees are buzzing.

Alma plays host to varied political parties and opinions. In the midst of this controversial campaign there are many ways for all students to let their voices be heard. Perhaps the most well-known occasion to share your views occurs on Nov. 8th at the polls.

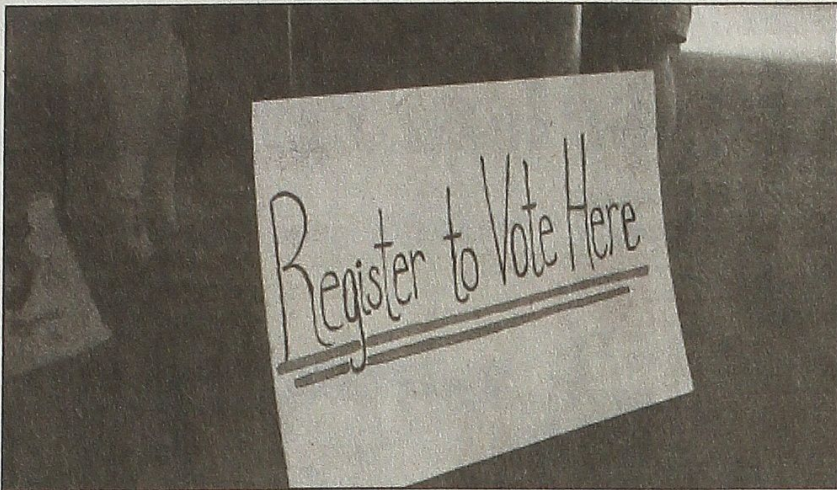
The act of voting seems to be an entirely new debate in itself this year. Some feel that voting is one's personal duty as a citizen of the United States.

"America is a country founded on having the right to talk to the government," said **Madison Kraning ('18)**. "We should not take that right for granted."

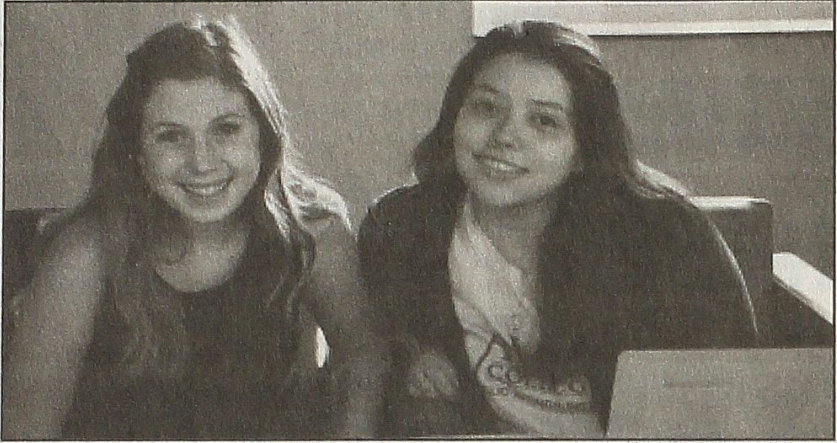
Kraning is the president of the Alma College Democrats and the founder of the AC Rock the Vote program. The movement provides voter registration forms to students.

Others feel as though one should not vote unless one is informed and has an educated reason to do so.

"People have the right to choose for themselves, so you can't just command them to go out and vote," said Jonathan Arlt, professor of sociology and political activist. "You need arguments."



Domenica Dalla-Vecchia: Photographer
Students can register to vote on campus every Thursday in Hamilton Commons from 5 to 7p.m. until Oct. 6.



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Madison Kranins ('18) and Karina Ankrom ('19) help students register.

Arlt dedicated large amounts of time and money to the Bernie Sanders campaign and he was very "disappointed and angry when Bernie lost the primaries." Arlt's current passion, however, resides in local and state politics. Michigan has the highest corruption out of any other state in the country," said Arlt. "So saving Michigan is one reason to vote."

Luke Ashton ('17) is an active libertarian who believes that those who are questioning voting should look into third parties to find a candidate they share views with.

"I recognize that a lot of people don't like either Trump or Clinton," said Ashton. "Third parties definitely have a chance to make a difference. A third party member may not win the

presidency, but they are getting their names out there this election season."

One thing that people of different political standpoints could agree on is that our generation, a population of brand new voters, should care about politics and understand that our opinion is greatly significant.

"For a young person, voting is the best way to tell the government the opinion of America's future leaders," said **Bonnie Hamilton ('17)**, political science major and active Democrat. Hamilton has been involved in many political events including registering students to vote through the AC Rock the Vote program.

"We are underrepresented," said Ashton. "We don't realize how much political power we have; we are currently the largest voting population, so we have a lot of sway with politics."

Another subject matter that many agree on is their stances on the potential presidency of Republican nominee Donald Trump.

"Trump is dangerous for people of color, members of the LGBTQ community and women," said Arlt. "He is supported by hate groups and white supremacists. If he gets elected, I will be on the front lines protesting all of the crazy s*** that he tries to get away with."

Students, too, question Trump's legitimacy. "I hate the guy," said Ashton. "I don't think a lot of his ideas are realistic. I would be embarrassed if he became president."

Trump's opponent, Secretary

of State Hillary Clinton, appears to be the voting choice for many Alma students due to her professionalism, feminism and experience.

"I am voting for Clinton, because I believe she can communicate more effectively with foreign leaders," said **Dalia Barghouti ('18)**.

"I think Secretary Clinton's experience in government will help her immensely if she were to be elected," said **Elizabeth Taylor ('17)**. "It's pretty neat that she is the first female major party nominee."

There are ways to get involved in the election season and with politics.

Kraning will have the AC Rock the Vote booth set up in Hamilton Commons every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. until October 6 (five days out from the last day to register to vote). At this booth, everyone is encouraged to fill out a voter registration form.

The voting enthusiast was also involved in partnerships between Political Science Club, Amnesty International and Public Affairs to hold mock presidential debates. Edward Lorenz, professor of political science, played Donald Trump and varying faculty members played Secretary Clinton. All students are welcome to watch these. Exact dates and times for additional debates will soon be released.

Various independent political groups such as AC Rock the Vote and Alma College Democrats are represented at Political Science Club meetings. They are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in SAC 109.

Q&A: Senator Debbie Stabenow downtown

By ABIGAIL FERGUS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Senator Debbie Stabenow cut the ribbon at the Gratiot County Democratic Headquarters' grand opening last Saturday. The senator addressed about 50 attendees, including around 12 Alma College students. She focused on her support for Secretary Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, environmental and agriculture issues and took audience questions. Here are some of the questions and their responses from the event:

Q. A lot of people are becoming disenfranchised with government, especially young people. What would you say to them?

"Young people have more at stake. [This election] is about your life and future. Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders coming together about college affordability [is important, so you] don't come out with mounds of debt."

Stabenow highlighted the importance of "caring about the future and a little thing called climate change. [We can] tackle climate change and create jobs. There are 8,000 parts in a wind turbine. Those are jobs."

Q. What do we do about farmers overdosing fields with fertilizer and E. coli in our streams?

Stabenow highlighted the 2014 U.S. Farm Bill she led, cutting back runoff and initiating local partnerships.

"We're just getting started. It's more about managing feedlots than overexposure of pesticides (Stabenow



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Senator Debbie Stabenow at grand opening of Gratiot County Democratic Headquarters.

used the term "pesticides" and "fertilizer" interchangeably). They're so expensive that farmers don't want to use more. "[There's] another farm bill [coming] in 2018. There's a lot more being done, it's just slow. We've got to speed it up."

Q. How do we fight the argument that environmental action is going to hurt farmers?

"The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has a matching program to split the cost to do the right thing. No one likes to be told what to do. [Farmers] fight the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but they'll work with the USDA. There's new equipment that measures what's in the soil in terms of nutrients and adjusts the [fertilizer] going into the soil."

Q. Can you comment on the difference in women's issues between Democrats and Republicans?

"We now have cases [of Zika] in the United States. This is a public health emergency with a focus on young women, pregnant moms and babies. President Obama asked for an emergency subsidy [to fund Zika research] last February."

"[A bill] got bipartisan support [from the Senate] in May for \$1.1 billion dollars. [The House of Representatives] decided they weren't going to do that and sent back a [modified] bill that included cuts to Planned Parenthood, the Affordable Care Act, Ebola research and allowed the Confederate flag to be flown at veteran ceremonies. Of course, we're not going to pass that."

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Student Opinions



Jessica Isler ('17)

"I appreciate that she knows a little bit about Superfund sites and algae blooms. We need to do some environmental teaching. You don't get *E. coli* from pesticides, you get *E. coli* from manure. The 2014 Farm Bill is a step in the right direction. It's great that we're working on clean water, but it's too little, too late."



John Stefanek ('19)

"It was great to finally meet a U.S. Senator. Being liberal, I agreed with her on most of the issues—especially on the environment. However, there is one other issue that I'm passionate about that Senator Stabenow did not mention much: political polarization. This issue is neglected by both major parties."



Jeremy Johnson ('17)

"I wish she would've been able to articulate in a more nonpartisan way how and why we should be involved as college students and citizens. She did address issues, but didn't do it in a way that would leave any impact."



Nathaniel Fryer ('19)

"What she said was 100 percent true: young people have to be engaged—unless you want Donald Trump."

Colin Kaepernick, U.S. protest

By ZAC CAHILL
THOUGHTS EDITOR

Unless you’ve been living under a rock the past few weeks, you’ve most certainly heard of the controversy currently surrounding quarterback Colin Kaepernick of the San Francisco 49ers.

Just in case (for all of you comfortable rock dwellers), here’s a quick recap. Colin Kaepernick has decided to silently take a knee during the performing of the national anthem before each football game as a form of protest to what he considers to be injustices against African Americans and other marginalized groups.

Almost instantly, everyone (well, white America mostly) went nuts. Everybody seemed to have an opinion on the matter, ranging all the way from support to blind rage at the statement.

I am not going to justify those who are burning Kaepernick jerseys and calling for him to be released from the 49ers with a response. Just know that, in my not-so-humble opinion, you are wrong. Not wanting him to protest the infringement of the civil liberties of African Americans is racist. It’s as simple as that.

Instead, I am going to talk about a different response that I have been seeing lately, one which has not been considered as directly negative, but that I think is more insidious at the end of the day.

This response that stuck out to me (mainly because it was one of the most common) was something to the effect of “his message is valid, but not his methods.” This both confuses and frustrates me a great deal.

I have been noticing these sorts of people more and more lately, those who claim to be sympathetic to the issues facing non-privileged Americans, yet show disdain at any form of protest.

When applied to the current situation regarding Kaepernick, this raises several questions, one of them being: what form of protest is acceptable to you?

In a post-Ferguson America, one of the many things we hear is that if people just protested police brutality in a peaceful manner, then things would be able to eventually improve. In practice, however, it is appearing as though no form of protest is getting through to people.

This isn’t new, either. When LeBron James wore a shirt that read “I can’t breathe” (a reference to the murder of Eric Garner, who was strangled to death by a police officer), the mainstream reaction was that he was stepping out of his place. The same sentiment was extended to members of the St. Louis Rams who put their hands up as they walked out onto the field before a game in response to Ferguson. And now Kaepernick is being told the same thing.

The main thesis behind this argument is that these millionaire athletes, as such, do not experience the oppression that others do, and

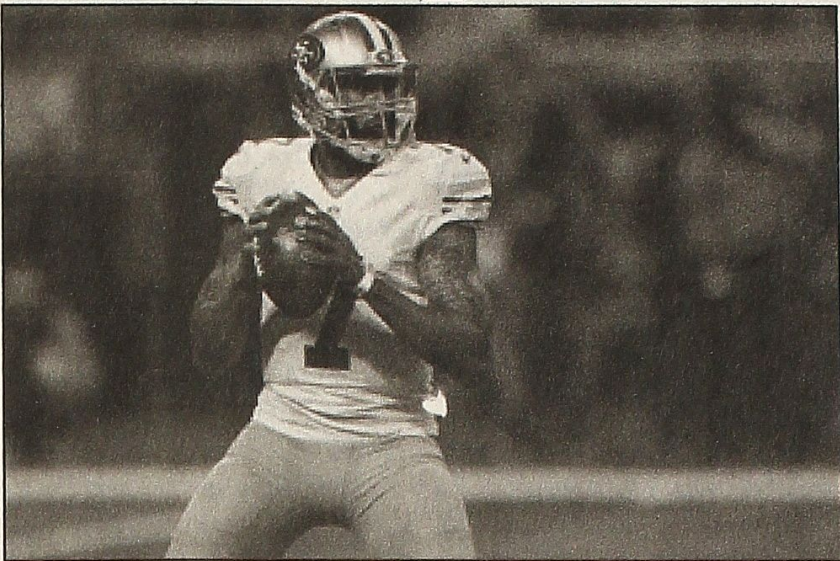


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Colin Kaepernick has been drawing national attention for his protesting of the National Anthem.

thus have no reason to protest. This is not only irresponsible, but inherently supports current systems of oppression.

When famous individuals get together to try and make social change regarding other major issues, they are almost never told to “stay in their lane.” When artists or athletes donate or give time to combat deadly diseases or fight injustices overseas, we applaud them and call them role models.

But when these athletes of color protest (most peacefully I might add) systemic racism in our country, suddenly they are stepping out of bounds. Why is it considered unacceptable for them to use their influence to speak out against these issues? Is it because, despite what many people will admit to, we as a nation have become far too comfortable with racism? The answer to this question,

most unfortunately, is yes. An uncomfortably sizable part of our country shakes their collective heads whenever masses of African Americans protest, in any form. Rioting is massively publicized and condemned as pointless violence for the sake of violence. Marching and staging other peaceful protests is met with claims of being “counterproductive.”

And when Colin Kaepernick (and now a few other members of the NFL as well) protest in what may be the most peaceful way possible, he is met with scorn and shrugged off as a ploy for attention.

Columnist and activist Shaun King of the New York Daily News put it best in an article on the matter, saying: “if only our pain bothered you as much as our protest.”

A strikingly true sentiment, and one which needs to be heard. So keep protesting injustice—we all must.

Conquering Zika, mosquitoes, bees

By ABIGAIL FERGUS
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In the 1940s children were delighted to run through misty white clouds of DDT, a pesticide used to cut back on mosquitos and malaria. The kids enjoyed their delightful showers as men sprayed from trucks, both parties oblivious of the fact that the chemical can cause cancer, reproductive problems and damage to the liver and nervous system.

For a while, hearing about mosquito spraying and extermination has given me an uneasy feeling. We’re part of an ecosystem that’s supposed to be balanced by a food chain—one that humans often interrupt. Why can’t we give up a spot of blood here and there to enable another member of this chain? My uneasiness was reaffirmed in the form of many people sending me news articles the other week. Bees were back in the buzz, and not for a happy reason.

DDT has been banned from use in the U.S., except for in cases of medical emergencies. We still spray pesticides from the sky, just not DDT (America can legally produce it and export it to third world countries though). Millions of honey

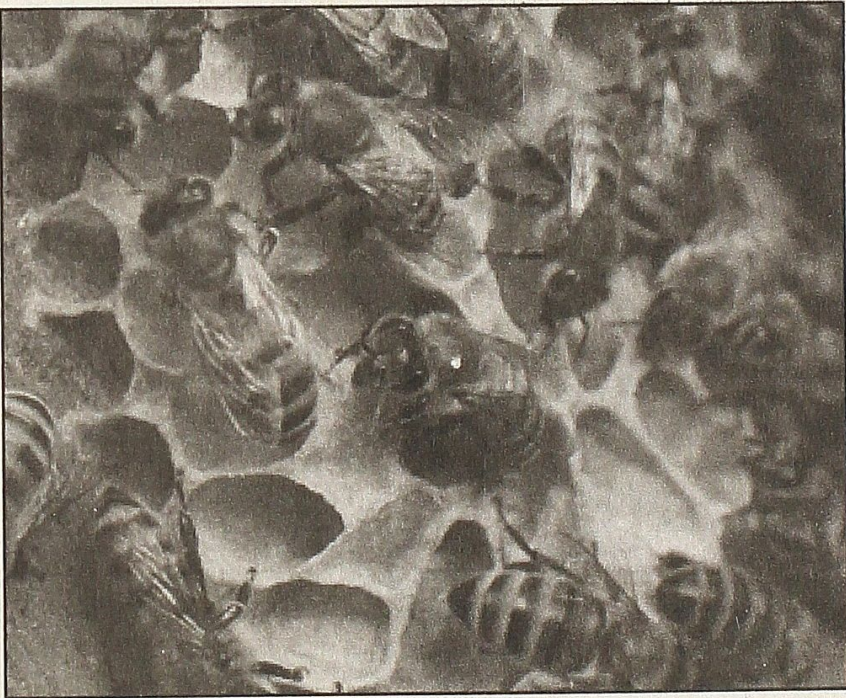
bees were killed two weeks ago in South Carolina. The mosquito spraying bee genocide was in the name of Zika prevention, but the killing of so many pollinators was unnecessary.

One of DDT’s killing blows was its prevalence in the environment. Chemicals break down at different rates; DDT takes a long time to dissipate allowing more time for it to travel through the food chain.

Naled, the chemical used in the Carolina spray, breaks down quickly and hasn’t been found to have carcinogenic side effects. Still, there are better practices in employing pesticides rather than spraying toxic chemicals from the sky at the precise time bees are buzzing the most: 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. There are ways to protect human health AND the providers of the majority of human food.

Beekeepers are like new parents; try though they might, they can’t protect their little loved ones from all the dangers of the world. Honey bees typically forage two miles to maximize their sugary payoff; they can fly up to four times further, though. That’s almost 130,000 dangerous acres that could harbor pesticides and suffer from lack of wildflowers.

Those who undertake the profession are used to being proactive about educating their



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communities on safe pesticide practices and bee habitat establishment. It’s harder to defend against a plane and a two day notice.

I don’t mean to say human lives aren’t worth protecting and that we should hold the lives of bees in a higher esteem than our own. Humans fought their way through evolution to come out as the ultimate apex predator. Arguing that the true definition of evolutionary superiority is to respect and support our entire ecosystem is a whole other battle.

I’m just saying that the disease prevention could have been bee friendly by employing three simple mechanisms.

1. Following common mosquito protocol by spraying ditches or introducing fish to eat larvae
2. Educating the community on not leaving kiddie pools out, gutters full and bird bath water unchanged
3. Communicating effectively and timely to beekeepers

Perhaps we can start funding the research of dangerous diseases such as Zika when they start impacting third world countries rather than once they hit America and apparently start mattering.

Or we can start developing our plan to follow China’s example and hand pollinate all of our food, as all bees, not just honey bees, are suffering from pesticides.

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Donald Trump's summer flip flops

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Whenever I have the pleasure of meeting a Donald Trump supporter, my first question is always the same: Why? Thus far, the answer I receive is consistently along the lines of "He tells it like it is."

While I must admit to awkwardly smiling and less than stealthily slipping away at this point in the conversation, I always wonder if they know what "it" is.

What I have learned by closely observing Trump throughout his campaign is that he definitely does not. His most common approach to expressing his insight (let alone plans) on major issues is to flip flop his opinion an average of three times before ultimately leaving us all confused. While there are dozens of topics that pertain to this method of madness, here are a few that I find particularly concerning.

Immigration: In the first week of September, Trump declared that all undocumented

immigrants seeking legal status would have "one route and one route only: to return home and apply for re-entry like everybody else."

In the second week of September, Trump was asked if he is ruling out ways for these immigrants to gain legal status without having to return home first. He then answered with "I am not ruling out anything. We're making that decision in the future, OK?" He also promised to deport all of the immigrants who have a criminal record within one single hour of being president.

Minimum Wage: During the primaries, Trump said in a debate that America's "wages [are] too high." He took this back almost immediately. In May, Trump proposed a plan to raise minimum wage through economic growth. His latest plan on minimum wage is simply nonexistent. He would "rather leave it to the states." But the states should also keep in mind that "it will hurt them."

The Muslim Ban: At the forefront of his campaign, Trump stated that there would be a

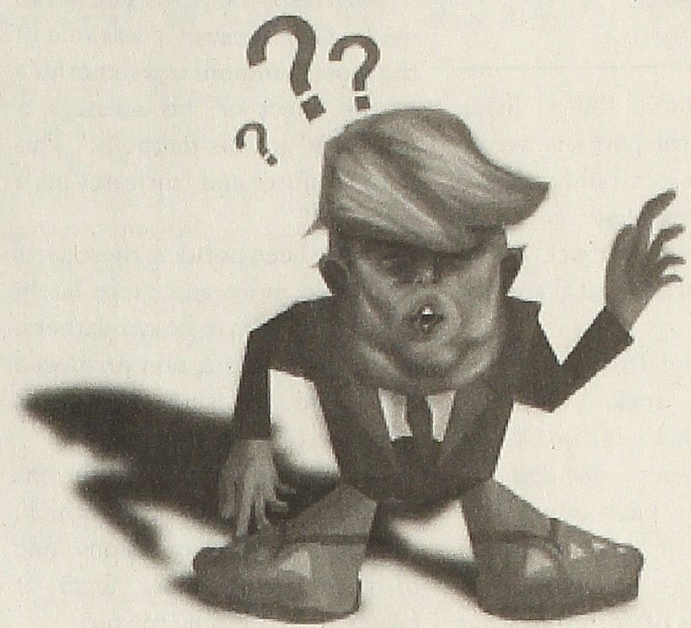
"total and complete shutdown" of Muslims immigrating to or visiting the United States.

Shortly after, in an interview with Fox News, Trump decided that his "many Muslim friends" would be exempt from this policy. These VIPs will apparently be able to travel in and out of the country freely.

Less than a month later Trump "clarified" by saying that the Muslim ban was "just a suggestion until we find out what is going on." The only thing made clearer by these words is that Trump doesn't actually know "what is going on" and his "many Muslim friends" aren't willing to tell him.

Guns: Speaking at an NRA convention, Trump promised to do away with all gun-free zones on his "first day" (I'm assuming this will happen right after he deports all criminal immigrants).

In May, Trump decided that he didn't want guns in classrooms. "Except for teachers; some teachers should have guns in the classrooms, frankly." Shortly after, he suggested



Zachary Meyer: Illustrator

Donald Trump seemed to "flip flop" quite a bit this summer.

having trained gunmen in some public schools. His current stance is that "some" gun-free zones should be allowed.

These are only four major national concerns that Trump has remained indecisive on. Think of any national issue that you care about, not necessarily included above—abortion, climate change, nuclear weapons, national debt, and let's

not forget providing future jobs (something all of us will soon be looking for).

It does not require extensive research to discover that Trump does not have a consistent or clear plan on any of these issues. This constant flip flopping makes it impossible to imagine that Trump cares in any way about strengthening the country that we live in.

HOROSCOPES

By MONICA KUNOVZSKY
WEB EDITOR

Advice for the signs this school year

LIBRA (Sept. 23- October 22)



Friend time is always important, so make sure this semester you have a good balance of that and schoolwork. You don't want to get so caught up in the turmoil of work, but you shouldn't be neglecting it either. Have study sessions with friends, or have a class buddy to ease the work with-- just so you can have the best of both worlds!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)



Master something this year. You've spent most of your time working hard toward a goal of some sort and you the most know that hard work pays off. Don't sell yourself short, and take a chance on showing the rest of campus how rad you are.

ARIES (March 21- April 19)



As the leader in signs who go from 0-100 TOO QUICK, make sure to keep that in check this year as stress starts piling on. You could push friends and family away because of it, so try to be more level headed and calm this year—it could be beneficial to everyone around you, and most importantly: yourself.

CANCER (June 21- July 22)



Get out of your comfort zone this semester. Change up your routine and schedule to cure any boredom you might run into by living each day as the last.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)



DEEP BREATHS. STAY CALM. DON'T KILL ANYONE. That's all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20- Feb. 18)



Take time this year to learn how to take things seriously and to focus on making an impact on campus—no matter how small or large.

TAURUS (April 20- May 20)



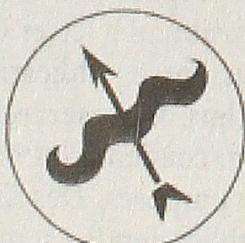
Keep up the good work with keeping yourself motivated and keeping things moving, but don't forget BREAKS! You don't want to burn yourself out too fast within the first month of school.

LEO (July 23- August 22)



Make the best of your situation. Things might seem bleak and the start of the year might be intimidating, but remember to keep your head up and your sights high.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)



Don't commit to more than you can handle. It might be fun and nice to feel super needed and involved and help people you love, but there comes a time where the quantity of projects overtakes quality-- and then no one wins. So take the time to prioritize what things you should really commit to.

PISCES (February 19- March 20)



Make a campus sanctuary for yourself: somewhere you can go to decompress and relax after stressful times classes put you through. You often give your all to school, to the point of exhaustion and emotional fatigue, so you owe it to yourself to make an environment or find one that leads to inner peace.

GEMINI (May 21- June 20)



The start of school is the time to get on track to being on the right foot, so make sure to not procrastinate anything by spending it with friends and ignoring all responsibilities. The things you had to do will creep up on you and kick your a**.

VIRGO (Aug. 23- Sept. 22)



Organization and details are your forte, so remember to hone in on those skills! Whether it's color coordinating everything, having 5 different planners and notebooks to have your thoughts and to-do-list's on or even just using a few extra apps on your phone to keep you in line.

Soccer takes season by storm

By MADISON WEBSTER
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Scots' soccer is starting the school year off right. The men's squad came in with a 4-0 record, the first time it has shut out three straight opponents since 2012.

The woman's team has also had a fair start, holding a 2-2 record. Both seasons began when players moved in on August 16th.

To prepare for the new start, the men's team spent a lot of preseason focusing on team chemistry.

"A big focus of ours was building camaraderie on the team," said captain **Austin Gabris ('17)**. "Since we had 16 freshmen come in this year, it was important that we were all working together."

The men had close-call games in the first three matches, winning 1-0 each time. This could not have been done without keepers **Garrison Mast ('20)** and **Nick Strait ('17)**, who was named MIAA Defensive Player of

the Week. It is not just the upperclass doing the work; two of the three goals have been scored by freshmen **Noah Canlas ('20)** and **Brian Ganton ('20)**. The third goal was scored by Gabris.

"Being a freshman makes it a little different but having the older guys be there and welcome me allows me to settle in and just play my game," said Canlas. The players have been working extremely hard these past few weeks and are hoping for their successful season to continue.

"Even during a winning streak we have to take each game, one at a time, and focus on the team over ourselves," said Gabris. The Scots continued their success at Franklin College last Friday with a 3-0 score.

The women Scots fell short at Northwood University with a 3-1 score. The team knew it had to step up its level of play for the next game.

"We knew we could have won, we didn't play to our full potential," said **Melissa Gal ('19)**. But, they followed it up with a 3-2 win in overtime at home versus Central College.

The Scots were behind by two goals most of the game until the 60th minute when **Lexi Moyer ('19)** scored. **Macayla Greiner ('17)** went on to end the game by scoring with 16 seconds left. Keeper **Kelsey Postema ('18)** had eight saves in the net, which was crucial for their win.

"We came into the game more confident than the first because we knew we could play and communicate better," said Gal. She also talked about how their team dynamic sets them up for success for the rest of their season, "from freshman to seniors we're all friends and we trust each other."

The woman's team was amped up to take on Albion College last Saturday at 1 p.m., for it's their first conference game. They came home with a 1-0 win.

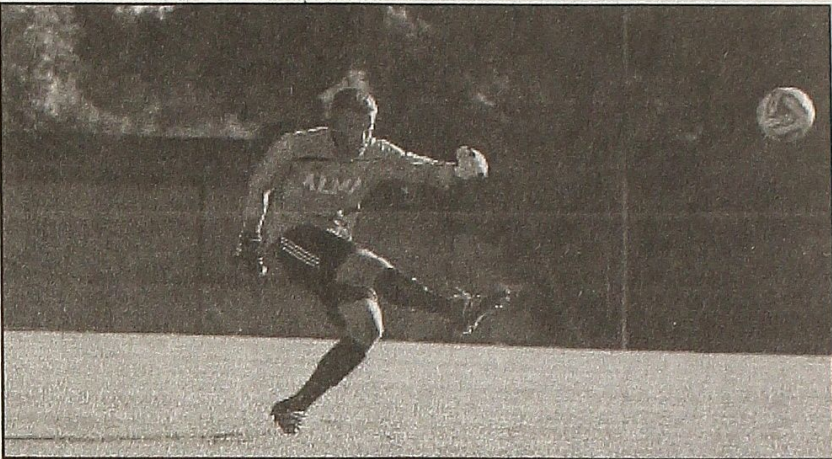


Photo courtesy of Ben Tigner
Top: Nick Strait ('17) boots the ball down field.
Bottom: Macayla Griener ('17) fights for possession.
Photo courtesy of Jordie Hayes



Right: Kelsey Postema ('18) punting the ball to her teammate.
Photo courtesy of Jordie Hayes

Left: Kyle Kansman ('17) winding up for a kick.
Photo courtesy of Ben Tigner



Tennis works toward February

By Paige Huebel
Sports Writer

If you walk or drive by the tennis courts, you'll see team members at their hitting sessions. They are starting earlier this year than years past to ensure a brighter future.

"Our team is deep," said **Luke Van Fleet ('18)** of the men's team. Van Fleet further explained the squad is extremely talented and that even though there is a lineup starting with stronger players, there are not any members of the team who

would be considered weak.

"We will be a good contender in the conference this year," said **Noah Ackerman ('18)**. Ackerman said that although the team lost a leading senior from last year, the freshmen who have joined the team have great skills, and will help fill in for the loss.

Both Van Fleet and Ackerman were pleasantly surprised with the skill level of the incoming athletes. In the next few months, the team will need to help the

first year students through the transition from high school into college tennis.

This will include conditioning, shaking off the rust from summer, solidifying the lineup and practicing outside until weather forces the team indoors.

Both Van Fleet and Ackerman recognized the team chemistry. Ackerman feels that the team has become even more inclusive than last year. Many of the members live together or close by. This allows them to bond both on

and off of the court.

The women's team has had a similar start. There are five returners on the team that all have had experience working together and have a firm bond, according to player **Chloe Ramsey ('17)**.

Like the men, the women lost their number one singles player. On the upside, there are about eight recruits that plan to help the team replace it's loss, said Ramsey.

Ramsey shared that the team will be building stamina, motivation and support. Players

also will be improving their teamwork skills for doubles. The team had become closer with one another last year and is hoping to continue that bond into this year. This will keep the morale on the team incredible and help everyone improve and have fun.

Both squads start their seasons in late February this year. They will be coached by Chris Sandro. This will be Sandro's twelfth year with the men and his third with the women.

Start of sport season scoreboard

	Aug. 26	Sept. 1	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 8	Sept. 9	Sept. 10
Men's Soccer		1-0 vs. Greenville		1-0 vs. Central College	1-0 vs. Aquinas	3-0 vs. Franklin	
Golf CC			9th of 12 teams	9th of 12 teams			7th of 8 teams
Football				12th of 16 teams			3rd of 4 teams
				24-47 vs. St. Vincent			31-20 vs. Manchester
Women's Soccer	0-1 vs. SVSU	1-3 vs. Northwood		3-2 vs. Central College			1-0 vs. Albion
Golf CC				9th of 15 teams		tie 5th of 12 teams	6th of 12 teams
Volleyball		1-3 vs. North Central	3-1 vs. Lakeland	3-0 vs. Lake Forest	1-3 vs. Hope College	3-2 vs. Olivet College	3-2 vs. Albion
			3-0 vs. Dubuque	3-1 vs. Marian			

Abigail Fergus: Editor-in-Chief

The men's soccer team played Transylvania University yesterday and lost their winning streak after a 0-1 game.

Scots fight for victory over Olivet

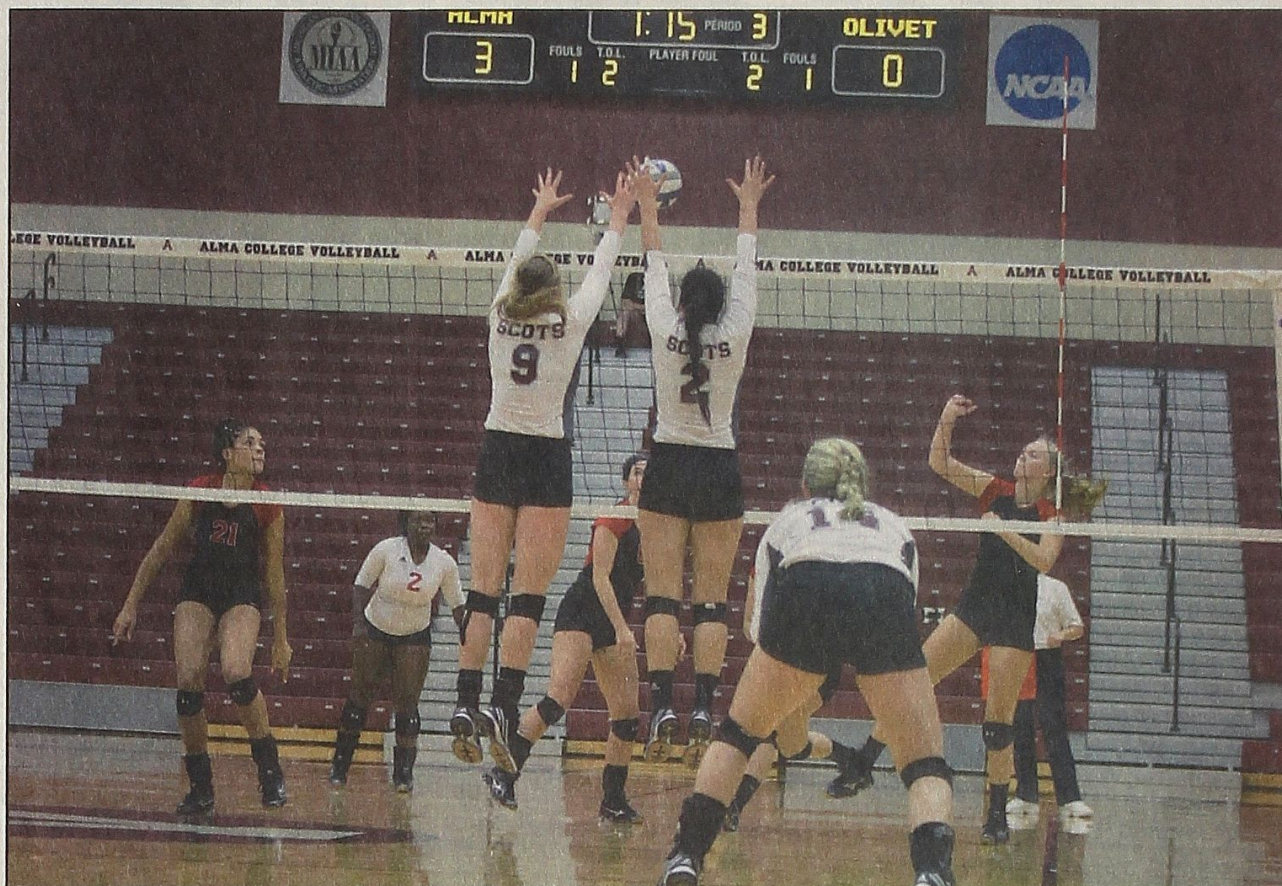
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said team member **Kara Muxlow ('18)**. "We just need to focus on the little aspects of the game that we can control and play like I know we are capable of playing."

The first match was won by Olivet 18-25. The tables turned in the second match when the Scots took it back winning 25-19. The ladies kept it up but it was a close call with the Scots leading 25-23 in the third match. The fourth match was won by Olivet with a score of 21-25. Finally in the last match the Scots pulled through and took home the win with a score of 15-13. The volleyball match was won by the Scots 3-2.

Dakota Pelach ('18) had a phenomenal night of volleyball, making the team's first of the season triple-double. Pelach recorded 16 kills, 22 assists and 12 digs. **Maressa Miller ('17)** led the team in assists with 28 and **Dorothy Buening ('18)** led in digs with 22.

The bond and experience on the volleyball team is as strong as their talent. "This



Dakota Pelach ('18) and Madison Smith ('17) make a block.

Bri Yaroch: Photographer

The women's volleyball team played a nail biting game against Olivet College, last Friday. This was their first home game of the season and they were able to protect their home court. The women have always been competitive with Olivet, but the Scots' hard work and determination paid off.

Before the game, members of the women's volleyball team had mentioned that Olivet is not a team to disregard and they bring intense competition. Our team and theirs have very similar statistics, which predicts a close game.

"We are ready and confident as a team, but aren't overlooking them by any means," said **Molly Lark ('17)**. The confidence and readiness Lark talked about definitely showed in the game as they took on Olivet.

"I believe that we have the talent and heart to beat them,"

season, I feel as though our team is as unified as it has ever been," said **Mary Rieger ('17)**. "Our leadership is a strong point on the team."

Rieger explained that since there are nine seniors, the experience and leadership

that they bring is something that can be used to the team's advantage. The team has high energy, excitement and looks forward to where the rest of the season will go.

The team now has a record of 5-2 and is s off to a good start.

The next game is on Wednesday, September 14th and is a home game against Trine University. It's sure to be a great match, so come on down to the courts and support the Scots as they take on Trine.

Sports Bulletin Monday

Women's Soccer
Adrian College @ Alma 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's Golf
MIAA Jamboree 2 @ Olivet College 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer
Hope College @ Alma 4 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Volleyball
Trine University @ Alma 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Women's Soccer
Olivet College @ Alma 4 p.m.

Friday

Women's Golf
Railside D3 Classic at Railside Country Club 2 p.m.

Saturday

Women's Golf
Railside D3 Classic @ Railside Country Club 9:30 a.m.

Men's Golf
Alma College Invitational @ Pine River Country Club 1 p.m.

Woman's Soccer
Kalamazoo College @ Alma 12 p.m.

Football
Alma @ Concordia University 2:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer
Kalamazoo College @ Alma 2:30 p.m.

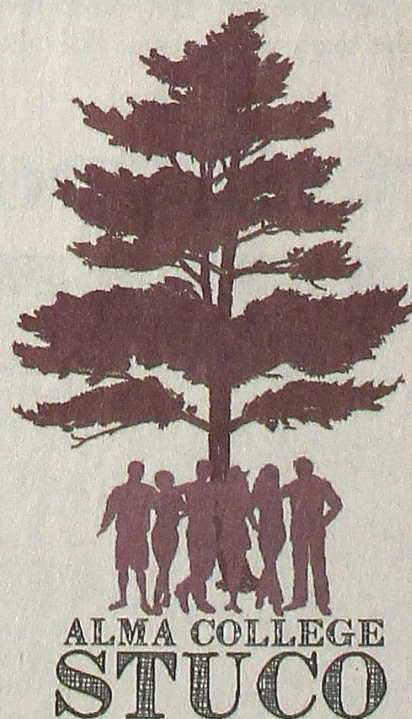


Jacob Chittenden ('17) making a tackle. *Photo courtesy of Jordie Hayes*



The Scots Marching Band gets a break while the football team is on the road until homecoming on Oct. 8. *Photo courtesy of Jordie Hayes*

TONIGHT



The first Student Congress meeting is tonight at 6 in Dow Lr. All funded organizations are required to send a representative, preferably a club official. The entire student body is welcome and encouraged to take part in conversation and shaping of the Alma College community at these biweekly meetings.